

Green Mountain Care Board
General Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2019
2:00 pm

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| Advisory Committee Member Attendees | Rick Dooley, Sam Liss, Jason Garbarino, Andrew Miller, David Sichel, Marguerite Monet, Jeffrey McKee, Sharon Gutwin, James Ulager, Allison Ebrahimi Gold, Terry Holden, Mark Nunlist, Gail Auclair, Walter Carpenter, Eli Lesser-Goldsmith*, Bob Bick, Joshua Plavin, Kathy Mahoney |
| GMCB Attendees | Kevin Mullin, Susan Barrett, Jessica Holmes, Tom Pelham, Robin Lunge, Amerin Aborjaily, Melissa Miles, Sarah Kinsler, Michele Degree, Abigail Connolly |
| Other Attendees | Kirsten Murphy, Micah Demers, Kaili Kuiper, Jennifer Kaulius, Devon Green Helen Labun |
| * Attended by phone | |

1. Welcome & GMCB Updates

- a. The Committee Members, GMCB staff, and the public introduced themselves. Susan Barrett updated the committee on the Board's recent work since February's meeting. Susan mentioned there was a panel on Rural Hospitals held on April 3, 2019. The video of the panel can be seen [here](#) on Orca Media's website. Chair Kevin Mullin spoke about his visit to Washington, D.C. with Governor Scott to discuss the All-Payer Model with HHS. Susan Barrett spoke about the Federal Evaluation of the State Innovation Models (SIM) that Vermont participated in. The full report can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website. She reviewed two bills in the legislature: The Health Care Task Force Bill (H.524) and the Primary Care Spend Bill (S.53), now Act 17.

2. Draft Committee Charter

- a. Susan Barrett announced that the revisions that were requested were done on the Draft Committee Charter.
- b. **Follow up:** The Charter will be sent out to the Committee Members, and it will be finalized at the next meeting on September 9, 2019.

3. All-Payer Model & ACO Overview

- a. Sarah Kinsler and Melissa Miles presented Vermont's All-Payer ACO Model and Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Oversight. The Committee asked the Board and staff questions.

4. Breakout Groups

- a. The Committee Members broke out into three groups to discuss questions provided by staff: Group A (All-Payer Model/ACO), Group B (Health Care Workforce), and Group C (Transparency). Each group-elected officer presented a summary of their group's conversation to the Board and other committee members.
- b. Group A discussed the group's ideal state of health care, which would include accessible health care for all without barriers, patient engagement, community involvement, aligned incentives, infrastructure, and stable funding. The group believes partners and stakeholders should be the larger community (nationally as well), including municipalities, schools, employers, and patients.

The group discussed how to have the people commit to a goal larger than themselves and look beyond line items, and also discussed how a defined mechanism is needed that transfers dollars into the social determinants of health that provide future savings and investment opportunities. The group noted sufficient data is necessary to help reach these goals.

- c. Group B summarized their discussion noting the lack of nurses in Vermont, staff vacancies at the Howard Center, re-entry programs needing improvement, closure of a nursing program in Southern Vermont, pay disparity, burn out, and work environment overall. The group discussed solutions for the lack of nurses such as degree programs, new facilities, shared governance, and the advantages of programs like AHEC. They also discussed the shortage of psychiatrists, lack of support staff, and the decrease in primary care providers.
- d. Group C presented their discussion about the public's perception of the GMCB, and how the website is excellent, but the average citizen is probably not accessing the Board's information online. They discussed the message of the GMCB is somewhat unclear, asking whether the Board's main goal is cost, improvement, or safety. They discussed the historical development of the GMCB and if the Board represents the stakeholders. In transparency, there is concern with advocacy groups (HIV, substance abuse, suicide prevention) about confidentiality. They also discussed price transparency, the needs of consumers, the difficulty of operationalizing, legal barriers, and legislature.
- e. **Follow-up:** Christina McLaughlin will send the email addresses of the group members to each group.

5. Public Comment

- a. None

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